# PARENT INFORMATION LETTER 337, 19TH FEBRUARY 2018

## Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that if you took a holiday during the school break, that you had the chance to spend some quality time with your family and that all family members feel refreshed for the year ahead.

Another busy term coming up at Panaga School, with several major sporting, music and drama events taking place. We are also finalising the planning for our 2018 Residential Trips.

As we start our planning for the next academic year, it is helpful if you can keep us posted on your future plans. We are recruiting now for August 2018 and notice on student numbers certainly helps with our planning.

It is important you ensure that your contact information is kept up-to-date on a regular basis with the school admin offices. If you have changed address or any contacts details, please inform the school immediately.

**- Tim Robinson**

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# Updated 2017-2018 Panaga School Calendar

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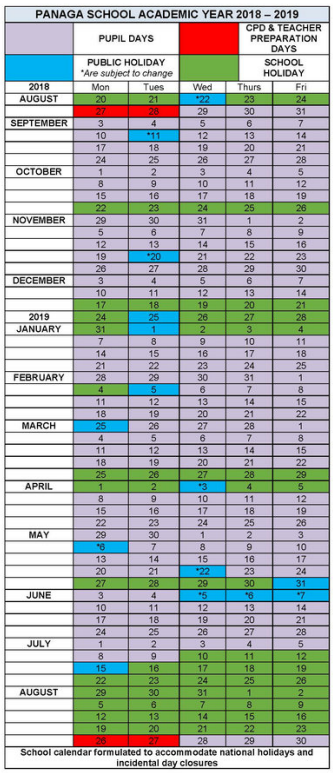
Please be aware that some previously gazetted Public Holidays in Brunei have changed dates since the 2017-2018 Panaga School Calendar (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQo5MThhNTY5YS01YzFjLTRkZjktMTJiNC0xNjY4MjQzN2Y2ZDkNCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20veWVhcmx5LWNhbGVuZGFyDQotLS0) was first published. The updated, downloadable calendar (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQo5MThhNTY5YS01YzFjLTRkZjktMTJiNC0xNjY4MjQzN2Y2ZDkNCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy53aXhzdGF0aWMuY29tL3VnZC83Yjg1ZDZfYWZhNmVjYjA1YmZjNDE0YjkzMGEwNjg3YmVlYTAxZWYucGRmDQotLS0) on the Panaga School website now reflects these changes. Please click here (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQo5MThhNTY5YS01YzFjLTRkZjktMTJiNC0xNjY4MjQzN2Y2ZDkNCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy5nb29nbGUuY29tL2RvY3VtZW50L2QvMWZOdzR6VXhLWnk4TVVhTkZnNlIxdTI2dU9qM09xa2FFTDFKWnhwR1cwU0UvZWRpdD91c3A9c2hhcmluZw0KLS0t) to access the calendar as a Word document.

The P7 Residential may now be conducted during a (newly-gazetted) Public Holiday. This will be discussed during the Parent Information Session on Monday 29th January at 5pm, in P7D's classroom on Teraja.

# *New* 2018-2019 Panaga School Calendar



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School calendar formulated to accommodate national holidays and incidental day closures

**All holiday dates can change at short notice, if we are directed to do so by the Ministry of Education.**

Please click here to access the new 2018-19 Panaga School Calendar. (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQowYWM2ZmZiZi05Yzg0LTRlZTAtZTBjOS0yZTRhOGU0YzA1NjINCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy53aXhzdGF0aWMuY29tL3VnZC83Yjg1ZDZfNjFkMDc0MTAyZmUyNDEyYmE4N2FhMTFlM2VjMDMzODUucGRmDQotLS0) Also available for viewing below this year's updated calendar on the school website (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQowYWM2ZmZiZi05Yzg0LTRlZTAtZTBjOS0yZTRhOGU0YzA1NjINCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20veWVhcmx5LWNhbGVuZGFyDQotLS0). A Word version is also available by clicking here (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQowYWM2ZmZiZi05Yzg0LTRlZTAtZTBjOS0yZTRhOGU0YzA1NjINCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy5nb29nbGUuY29tL2RvY3VtZW50L2QvMTNvaWZROGRpQi1WLXYxQ212ZURzQjlPaHU1U280NjVaOFBmUWlKd21ZdEkvZWRpdD91c3A9c2hhcmluZw0KLS0t).

Again, please be aware that dates can change at short notice, as we are publishing our calendar well in advance of the BSP calendar for 2019.

This year, several Public Holiday dates have changed and this is likely to occur as well next year.

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# Residential Trips

Please note that Residential Trips are an integral part of our school curriculum. We encourage all children to attend them as they an important part of their developmental process. Our Residential Trips programme enables children to be prepared for many facets of life which we are unable to replicate in a classroom. Eventually, when they attend secondary school, children will be able to use skills acquired on our trips to participate in such programmes as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. All of these additional activities certainly add to a student's life experiences. If your child does not attend the Residential Trips, school policy is that students must remain at home that week as we do not have additional staff to provide classes for them.

**- Tim Robinson**

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# Oz - Panaga School's Musical Spectacular, Wednesday 7th March 2018

The venue for Oz is now the Grand Ballroom of Pusat Insani, Seria. After much research, the move to this venue will enable an art exhibition, ample holding rooms with live television feeds of the performance to students back stage, catering for guests on arrival, and at intermission, most importantly, a professional venue for our students to have an experience of professional performing arts.

We thank our parent community for their continued support as we work towards presenting this anticipated event to showcase our evolving Panaga School Performing Arts Department.

Parents, please keep abreast of all Oz The Musical information that is being sent to you via email.

**- Cindy Bin Tahal and Sam Abernethy**

# Do you want to be part of a mural?

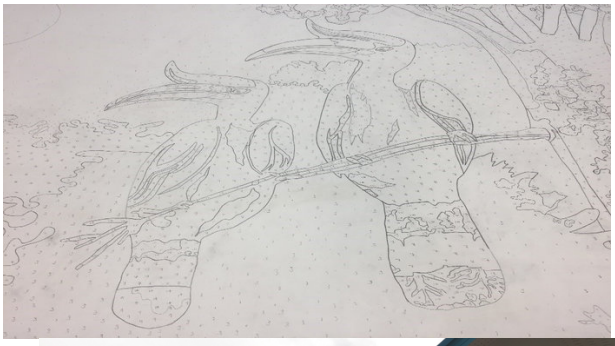
M1S and Mendaram students would like to invite you to join in their exciting venture to support some endangered species of Borneo. We have created a huge paint-by-number project which will be cut up into 240 pieces.

From Monday 22nd January to Wednesday 24th January, before and after school, in Mendaram, Rampayoh, Teraja and Melilas, these pieces of the mural will go on sale to be painted in school.

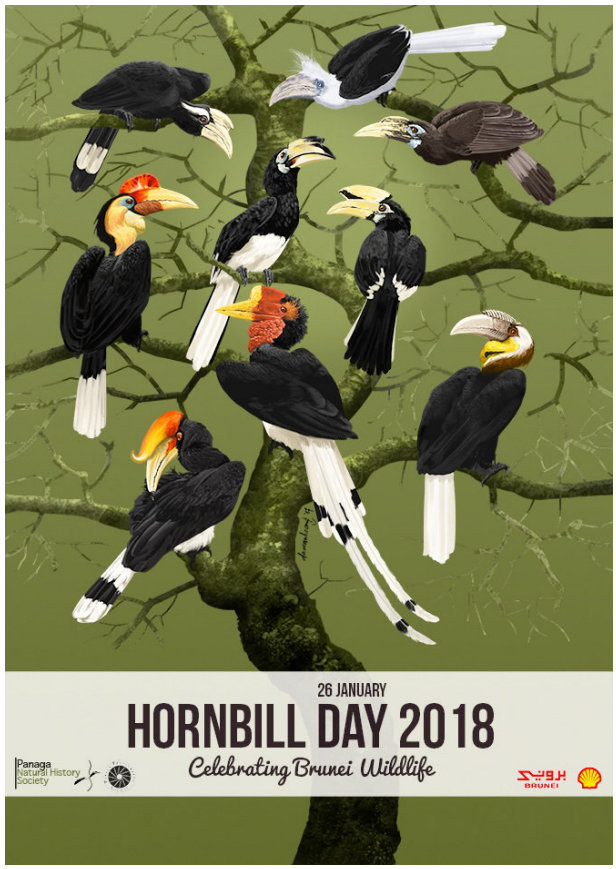
On the Wednesday afternoon, the pieces will be collected and assembled. The finished product will be hung on Mendaram's front wall.

This mural has been especially designed to celebrate Hornbill Day on 26th January, as well as to celebrate the wildlife in Borneo.

**- Steph Straatman**



# Hornbill Day - Planting Project: "Sponsor a Plant"



In addition to the animal conservation project that Nursery and M1 are producing through a hornbill mural and magnet sales, Panaga School will also promote Friday 26th January's Hornbill Day through a range of education sessions and a planting project.

On Thursday 25th January, between 7am and 8am, local plant stall holders will have on sale, in the Rampayoh foyer area, a range of plants. Families are encouraged to purchase plants for children to plant throughout all of Panaga School on Friday 26th January. Plant stall holders have been provided with species of plants that hornbills and silverleaf monkeys require for food sources. Panaga School thanks the Panaga Natural History Society (PNHS) for their assistance to gain this information.

**- Cindy Bin Tahal**

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# Jungle Dance at Mendaram

What an amazing morning had by all in Mendaram on Tuesday! Nursery hosted the Jungle Dance and M1S planned some great activities to raise money for our endangered animal charities. M1S were there to teach the children some cool jungle moves. There was also dressing up fun, face painting, mask making and yet more dancing. This was a super collaboration between the oldest and the youngest children in the school, coming together to raise money for animals in our beautiful Borneo jungle.

We are looking forward to seeing our cash total rise from a great start of $215 to a whopping $5000, with the sale of magnets, T-shirts, orangutan and jigsaw pieces for murals around the school. Many thanks to all of the parents who have already supported this worthy initiative.

**- Louise Ramsden**

Please click here for more Mendaram-Melilas Jungle Dance Photos (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQowMTI3ZjE0OS0wNDdiLTQ3MGItNmQ5Mi0xZDRkMTNiYzQ2YzANCmh0dHBzOi8vZHJpdmUuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9kcml2ZS9mb2xkZXJzLzFHSjE3QkNnX0FTUFMwWFJ2VTJ0dmZTMmc3dXBNWVQ5YT91c3A9c2hhcmluZw0KLS0t)

# 2018 Panaga Calendars - PTA Fundraising

Panaga's small group of active parent volunteers are selling 2018 Calendars with images captured in Panaga. These calendars are $20 each and are available from the school offices.

**- Cindy Bin Tahal**

# English Consultant Visit and Short School Day

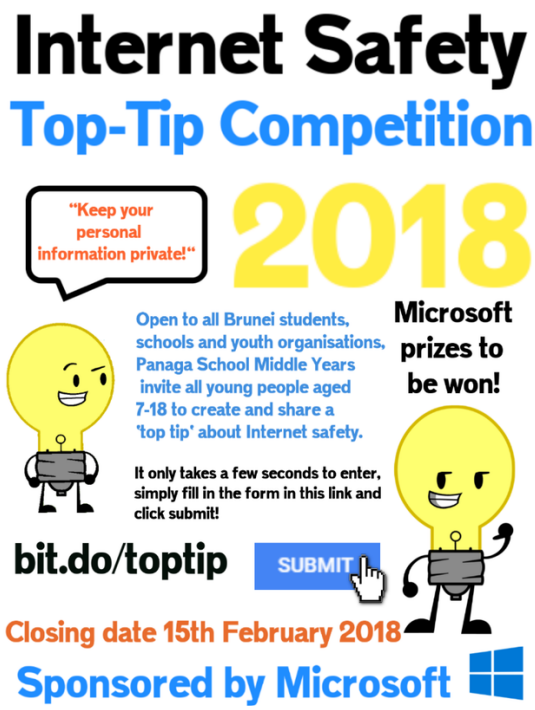
Parents are informed that during the week from Monday 22nd until Friday 27th January, a visiting English consultant, Maria Richards (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQpmZjdjY2U5Mi0zNWI3LTQ1OGItMzU0YS00OGQ1ZDlkZmQwNzMNCmh0dHBzOi8vZW1lYTAxLnNhZmVsaW5rcy5wcm90ZWN0aW9uLm91dGxvb2suY29tLz91cmw9aHR0cCUzQSUyRiUyRnd3dy50YWxrNHdyaXRpbmcuY28udWslMkZ0cmFpbmVycyUyRm1hcmlhJTJGJmRhdGE9MDElN0MwMSU3Q1RpbS5Sb2JpbnNvbiU0MHNoZWxsLmNvbSU3QzNlYjRjNTZhMzVkZjQ3NmUxOGM4MDhkNTU4ZDFkMmE1JTdDZGIxZTk2YThhM2RhNDQyYTkzMGIyMzVjYWMyNGNkNWMlN0MwJnNkYXRhPVN3a1ZXTTVkaGxMTUJvUWdLJTJCVmlJRGpPYVdYYWw5aVklMkZySGFEc2VhSWlZJTNEJnJlc2VydmVkPTANCi0tLQ), will be returning to Panaga School for a third year to conduct teacher training. As has taken place in the past, and in consultation with the PTA, Monday 22nd January will have an early school finish time, to enable a whole staff training session at the beginning of this visit.

**Monday 22nd January School Finishing Times:**

**Pre-Nursery and Nursery** - Finish at the regular times
**Primary One - Primary Three** - Finish at 12.20pm
**Primary Four - Primary Seven** - Finish at 12.30pm
**Melilas** - Finish at the regular time

A parent workshop will also be offered at the end of this consultancy visit, on Friday 27th January, in Teraja Hall from 8.55-9-55am. This will be provided by Maria Richards and focus on explaining the rationale behind and practices of Talk For Writing.

**- Andy Winder**




The Middle Years students at Panaga School have teamed up with Microsoft Brunei to run an inaugural Internet Safety Top Tips Competition (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQo4NDc1ZmQzYi1lZDEwLTRhZDctNTJmYy0xNmU0MzIwYmVhY2QNCmh0dHBzOi8vc2l0ZXMuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9wYW5hZ2FzY2hvb2wubmV0L2ludGVybmV0LXNhZmV0eS1jb21wZXRpdGlvbi9ob21lP2F1dGh1c2VyPTINCi0tLQ).

Open to all Brunei school students, aged 7-18, we invite schools and youth organisations to take on the challenge of creating and sharing a 'Top Tip' or slogan about Internet Safety. Microsoft prizes will be sent out to all of the winners. It only takes a minute to enter, just click here (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQo4NDc1ZmQzYi1lZDEwLTRhZDctNTJmYy0xNmU0MzIwYmVhY2QNCmh0dHBzOi8vc2l0ZXMuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9wYW5hZ2FzY2hvb2wubmV0L2ludGVybmV0LXNhZmV0eS1jb21wZXRpdGlvbi9ob21lP2F1dGh1c2VyPTINCi0tLQ)!

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# Makers' Market @49

Come along and support the Makers' Market @ 49! Please see the poster for more details.

# Cross Country Kit

Please return Cross Country kit to the Teraja PE office as soon as possible. Kit should be placed in a plastic bag with your child's name clearly marked.

# Panaga Football Tournament

Panaga Football Tournament takes place on Sunday 11th February. As always, we rely on parents to volunteer to make the tournament run smoothly. If any parents are happy to volunteer with refereeing or coaching, please contact Mr Nathan: nathanedwards@panagaschool.com (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQpkMGVmYzhkYS05MjBjLTQwM2MtMTUxNS05NDE5MTkyOTJkYzMNCm1haWx0bzpuYXRoYW5lZHdhcmRzQHBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20NCi0tLQ).

# Sports Training

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Sports Training Schedule (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/3M4CYNut/click?w=LS0tDQpmYTk5NDRkNi02ZDc5LTRkMWUtNzc3My00MTVjYmY5ODUzY2YNCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy5nb29nbGUuY29tL3NwcmVhZHNoZWV0cy9kLzFFUUGFFZFRTOFptT3F0NVRjdFJzVlZNcE40Sk1pRE5qdDE3aTNTcTE2ZlJnL2VkaXQjZ2lkPTANCi0tLQ)

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